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Fort Benning Family Communities to Open Village Center at McGraw

New Family Housing Amenities Kick Off Summer Fun

Fort Benning, Ga. – The Department of the Army, Clark Realty, and American Management Services East will celebrate the grand opening of the new McGraw Village Center on July 20 at 11 a.m. The event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, which will be followed by a "Festival on the Green" with various family activities.

"The Village Center will offer a new amenity for military families at Fort Benning with a community pool, splash pad, work out center, TV room and recreation hall," said project director Phil Cowley. "With the improvements we've made with the housing at McGraw, the Village Center provides the final touch to creating a full community."

Residents of the surrounding community are invited to partake in the "Festival on the Green" that includes a barbeque lunch, a bungee run, face painting, and many family activities. The celebration will also mark the grand opening of the community pool and splash park.

WHO: Fort Benning Family Communities

WHAT: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Barbecue Lunch, and Family Activities

WHEN: Friday, July 20, 2007 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: McGraw Village Center

6000 Muscogee Creek Way

Fort Benning, GA

Media who wish to attend this event should call the Public Affairs Office weekdays during duty hours to coordinate media escort from the I-185 access control point. For more information, call 706.545.3512 or 706.545.2237. On weekends and after duty hours, call 706.545.2218.

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About Fort Benning Family Communities

Fort Benning Family Communities LLC, a partnership between Clark Realty, American Management Services East, and the Department of the Army, will plan, operate and build military family housing communities at Fort Benning and Camp Frank D. Merrill in Dahlonega, Ga. More than \$467 million was raised by the partnership to demolish 2,110 outdated homes, construct 2,377 new homes, and renovate 1,560 historic and non-historic homes. When the development and construction activities are complete in approximately 10 years, the partnership will continue to manage an end-state inventory of 4,200 homes throughout the remaining 40 years of the project.

About Clark Realty

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